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From my own CHAMBERS.

ABOUT five or six Years ago was publiſhed a Pamphlet, in my Opinion moſt excellent, entitled, *Letters concerning Poetical Tranſlations, and* VIRGIL's *and* MILTON's *Arts of Verſe*. The Author has not only found *Beauties* in both theſe Poets that had eſcaped all *former Criticks*, and muſt for ever have eſcaped *common Obſervers*, but has alſo with great Judgment diſcover'd the *Cauſe* and *Source* of thoſe Beauties. As I do not think this Piece, tho' ſo well deſerving, ever got into many Hands, I believe I cannot do better than to give my Readers an *Extract* from it.

With the *Roman*, on whom he pretty much enlarges, I have nothing to do, except juſt to take Notice that MILTON and He reſemble one another in the following Particulars: 'The continual varying of the Pauſe,' 'the Inverſion of the Phraſe,' 'the adapting of the 'Sound to the Senſe,' 'the mixing of the ſingular and 'plural Numbers,' 'the artful Way of placing Words,' 'the Changing the common Pronunciation,' 'Deviating 'from the common Meaſure, and 'what our Author 'calls the Alliteration and Alluſion of Words.' I dare ſay few Readers of the great Author of *Paradiſe Loſt* ever attend to either of theſe Particulars, and therefore they will be obliged to me for teaching them to read over that *Divine Poem* with freſh Delight, in order to find other Examples parallel to thoſe produced by our Letter Writer.

'To begin with the *varying of the Pauſe*, which is the Soul of all Verſification in all Languages. Verſe is Muſick, and Muſick is more or leſs pleaſing as the Notes are more or leſs varied, that is, raiſed or ſunk, prolong'd or ſhorten'd.

In order to judge of the varying of Engliſh Verſe, I firſt endeavour'd, ſays this Author, to find out the *common Pauſe* in Engliſh Verſe, that is, where the Voice naturally makes ſome ſtop when the Verſe is read. To this Purpoſe I look'd into Mr. COWLEY's *Davideis*, and there I found the common Pauſe to be upon the laſt Syllable of the ſecond Foot. For Example:

I ſing the Man—who *Judah*'s Sceptre bore
In that Right Hand—which held a Crook before;
Who from beſt Poet—beſt of Kings did grow:
The two chief Gifts—Heav'n could on Man beſtow.
Much Dangers firſt—much Toils did he ſuſtain,
While *Saul* and Hell—croſs'd his ſtrong Fate in vain.
Nor did his Crown—leſs painful Work afford.—

Here we have ſeven Lines, and all of them, except the third, paus'd in the ſame Place. Thus I diſcover'd from COWLEY in Engliſh what I perceived from OVID in Latin. I then turn'd to the *Paradiſe Loſt*, and there I found MILTON even ſurpaſſes VIRGIL in this Particular. VIRGIL uſes the common Pauſe at the fifth Line of the *Georgicks*, but MILTON does not uſe it 'till he comes to the ſixth Line of *Paradiſe Loſt*.

Of Man's firſt Diſobedience—and the Fruit
Of that forbidden Tree—whoſe mortal Taſte
Brought Death into the World—and all our Woe,
With Loſs of *Eden*,—till one greater Man
Reſtore us—and regain the bliſsful Seat,
Sing Heav'nly Muſe———

It would be needleſs to produce more Examples to this Purpoſe; and I believe I may venture to affirm that the Verſe is varied at leaſt with as much Skill in the *Paradiſe Loſt*, as even in the *Georgick* itſelf: I am inclinable to think with more, becauſe in this reſpect the *Engliſh* Language ſurpaſſes the *Latin*, by reaſon of its Monoſyllables.—But before I quit this Article, I will obſerve that it is to the artful and uncommon varying of the Pauſe, that the Harmony is owing in thoſe two celebrated Lines of Sir JOHN DENHAM.

Tho' deep—yet clear—tho' gentle—yet not dull;
Strong—without Rage,—without o'erflowing—full.

This is one of thoſe Myſteries in Verſe which the late Duke of *Bucks* would not ſuffer Mr. DRYDEN to communicate to the Publick; and of this Nature are many Lines in MILTON, of which the following is one.

Him firſt—Him laſt—Him midſt—and without End.

I come now to the ſecond Particular, the *Inverſion of the Phraſe*. Every Page affords Inſtances of this Nature.

———Him the Almighty Pow'r
Hurl'd Headlong flaming from th' ethereal Sky.
Again ——— Up ſtood the corny Reed
Embattell'd in her Field.
Again ——— Him the moſt High,
Wrapt in a balmy Cloud with wing'd Steeds,
Did, as thou ſaw'ſt, receive.——

And in one of MILTON's, juvenile Poems we have

Trip the pert Fairies——
And———Revels the ſpruce jocund Spring.

The third Thing to be conſider'd is, *The adapting the Sound to the Senſe*. Who does not hear the warbling of a *Brook*, the ruſtling of *Wings*, the rough Sound of *Trumpets* and *Clarions*, and the ſoft one of *Flutes* and *Recorders* in the following Lines?

Fountains, and ye that warble as ye flow,
Melodious Murmur warbling, tune his Praiſe.
Again——But chief the ſpacious Hall
Thick ſwarm'd, both on the Ground and in the Air,
Bruſh'd with the Hiſs of ruſtling Wings.
Again———
Then ſtrait commands, that at the warlike Sound
Of *Trumpets* loud and *Clarions*, be uprear'd
His mighty Standard———
Again——Nor with leſs Dread the loud
Ethereal Trumpet from on high *'gan blow.*
Again———Thus they,
Breathing united Force with fixed Thought,
Mov'd on *in Silence to ſoft Pipes*,——

Who does not ſee Porpoiſes and Dolphins tumbling about the Ocean when he reads theſe Lines?

———On ſmooth the Seal.
And bended Dolphins play: Part huge of Bulk,
Wallowing unwieldy, enormous in their Gate,
Tempeſt the Ocean.———

How variouſly the Rivers run in theſe Verſes!

———So the watry Throng
Wave rolling after Wave, where Way they found,
If ſteep, with Torrent rapture, if thro' Plain,
Soft ebbing.——

How is the Verſe extended where the Whale lies at Length upon the Ocean!

———There Leviathan,
Hugeſt of living Creatures, on the Deep
Stretch'd like a Promontory ſleeps——

How does the Line labour when the Elephant is working himſelf thro' the ſtiff Clay, whilſt the leſſer Animals ſprout up as it were in an Inſtant!

———Scarce thro' the Mould
Behemoth, biggeſt born of Earth, upheav'd
His Vaſtneſs.——
And———Fleec'd the Flocks and bleating, roſe
As Plants.——

The fourth Thing to be enquir'd into is, *The mixing of ſingular and plural Numbers*, in which MILTON excells.

———Flowers were the Couch,
Panſies, and Violets, and Aſphodel,
And Hyacinth, Earth's freſheſt ſofteſt Lap.
Again———Through many a dark and dreary Vale
They paſs'd, and many a Region dolorous,
O'er many a frozen, many a fiery Alp,
Rocks, Caves, Lakes, Fens, Bogs, Dens, and Shades of Death.
Again
Sporting the Lion ramp'd, and in his Paw
Dandled the Kid; Bears, Tygers, Ounces, Pards,
Gambol'd before them.———
Again———Sweet Interchange
Of Hill and Valley, Rivers, Woods, and Plains,
Now Land, now Sea, and Shores with Foreſts crown'd,
Rocks, Dens, and Caves.———
Again
The glittering Guard he paſs'd, and now is come
Into the bliſsful Field, thro' Groves of Myrrh,
And flow'ry Odours, Caſſia, Nard, and Balm.

We come now to the *Collocatio Verborum*, or *Artful placing of Words*. MILTON often places the Adjective after the Subſtantive, which very much raiſes the Stile. In a Paſſage juſt quoted:

Strait he commands that at the warlike Sound
Of Trumpets *loud*, and Clarions, be uprear'd
His mighty Standard. That proud Honour claim'd
AZAZEL, as *his* right; a Cherub *tall*.—
Again
Thy Goodneſs beyond Thought, and Pow'r *divine*.
And again
Then from the Mountain hewing Timber *tall*,

But the utmoſt of his Art in this reſpect conſiſts in his removing the Adjective, the Subſtantive, or even the Verb, from the Line or Verſe in which the Senſe is previouſly contain'd, and the grammatical Conſtruction inverted, to the Beginning of the next Line. This has a wonderful Effect, eſpecially when the Word is a Monoſyllable.

Here finiſh'd he, and all that he had made
View'd;—and behold all was entirely good.
Again
Over their Heads triumphant Death his Dart
Shook—but refus'd to ſtrike.———

This artful Collocation commands the Attention, and makes the Reader ſee and feel what is offer'd to him.—That this Effect is owing to the Collocation will appear by conſidering any one of the Inſtances now produc'd. For Example:

Over their Heads triumphant Death his Dart
Shook.

This Paſſage makes the Reader ſee Death with his Dart in his Hand, ſhaking it over the Heads of the unhappy Creatures deſcribed in the *Lazar-houſe*, as plainly as if the whole was painted upon Canvas. But let this Line be alter'd thus:

Over their Heads Death ſhook his dreadful Dart.

How much the Fire and Spirit of this Paſſage is loſt, will be eaſily perceived.

MILTON likewiſe uſes his Monoſyllables very artfully, in placing them at the Concluſion of a Line, ſo as to divide the laſt Foot of the Verſe, which has a very extraordinary Effect.

Silence, ye troubled Waves, and thou, *Deep*, ceaſe.

Again, he divides the laſt Foot by making a Monoſyllable the Beginning of a new Sentence, which is very pleaſing.

———Up ſtood the corny Reed
Embattell'd in her Field, the humble Furz,
And Buſh with friz'led Hair implicit. *Laſt*
Roſe as in Dance the ſtately Trees.———

MILTON alſo ſometimes places two Monoſyllables at the End of a Line, ſtopping at the fourth Foot, to adapt the Meaſure of the Verſe to the Senſe; and then begins the next Verſe in the ſame Manner, which has a wonderful Effect.

Now at their ſhady Lodge arriv'd, *both ſtopt*,
Both turn'd, and under open Sky ador'd
The God———

This artful Manner of Writing makes the Reader ſee them *ſtop* and *turn* to worſhip God before they went into their Bower. If this Manner was alter'd, much of the Effect of the Painting would be loſt.

And now arriving at their ſhady Lodge,
Both ſtopt, both turn'd, and under open Sky
Ador'd the God.

This falls very ſhort of the Original.

I cannot omit two other Inſtances of MILTON's wonderful Art in the Collocation of Words, by which the Thoughts are exceedingly heighten'd.

Under his forming Hand a Creature grew
Man-like, but diff'rent Sex, ſo lovely fair,
That what ſeem'd fair in all the World, ſeem'd now
Mean, or in her ſumm'd up.——
What a Force has that Word *mean*, as it is plac'd!

Again.

I turn'd my Thoughts, and with capacious Mind
Conſider'd all Things viſible in Heav'n,
Or Earth, or Middle, all Things fair and good:
But all that Fair and Good in thy divine
Semblance, and in thy Beauty's heav'nly Ray
United I beheld.——

I preſume there is no other Language in which Perfection equal to this is to be found: And I could give many more Inſtances of the ſame Kind out of the *Paradiſe loſt*?'

Our Author then proceeds to the other particular Beauties of MILTON, wherein he reſemoles VIRGIL, and dwells ſo long upon the *Alliteration*, a Subject that has been ſeldom treated of, that I muſt reſerve the reſt of this Extract for another Opportunity.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Bologna, April 20. The reſt of the Spaniſh and Neapolitan Troops that were in this Neighbourhood, began their March t'other Day, with the Artillery, Military Cheſt, Ammunition, &c. in order to join Count Gage. We have receiv'd Advice that this General finding it impoſſible to break in upon the Auſtrian Army in their advantageouſly ſituated Camp, he was come to a Reſolution to march towards the Dutchy of Parma; and accordingly his Excellency has advanced to Formigino, in order to paſs the Secchia there, leaving the City of Modena upon his Right-Hand.

Turin, April 22. The Court has receiv'd Advice, that the Infant Don Philip, without waiting for the laſt Reinforcements coming from Spain, had reſolv'd to begin his March, as this Day, with 18,000 Men, in order to penetrate into the Dutchy of Montferat by the Gorges of Tanaro: Upon which the King has ſent four Battalions to reinforce the Troops that occupy the Poſt of Garezzo, and alſo order'd Reinforcements to march to the Garriſons of Tortona and Seravalla.

Genoa, April 22. The Captain of a Dutch Ship that arriv'd here yeſterday, reports, that on the 8th Inſtant he fell in with four Engliſh Men of War to the Weſtward of Minorca, and that the next Day he deſcried Admiral Rowley's Fleet, conſiſting of 36 Sail, ſteering towards the Streights, as he judg'd.

The laſt Letters from Nice inform us, that from the 10th to the 15th Inſtant a great Number of Veſſels arriv'd there from Barcelona, with Proviſions, Recruits, and above 1200 Regular Troops; and that every thing was getting ready for the March of the Infant Don Philip's Army, which is reckon'd 35,000 ſtrong.

Vienna, April 24. The Veldt-Marſhal Count Traun ſet out Yeſterday, in order to put himſelf at the Head of the Army in Bavaria. Prince Charles will ſet out the 26th or 27th Inſtant for the Army deſign'd againſt Sileſia.

Prague, April 25. Yeſterday a Courier arriv'd here from the Frontiers of Sileſia, with Advice that the Queen's Troops having made Preparations for re-entering the County of Glatz, the Pruſſians abandon'd all the Poſts they occupy'd in the open Country, and left Garriſon no where but in the Town and Citadel of Glatz.

Munich, April 27. The Bavarian Troops return home ſucceſſively: Their general Rendezvous is at Landſberg, where the Repartition of the Quarters deſign'd for them is to be made. General Mortagne has quitted the Elector's Service. It is doubted whether the French and Spaniſh Miniſters will come back to this City: Their Excellencies wait at Augſbourg the Return of the Couriers diſpatch'd by them to Verſailles and Madrid.

Dreſden, April 28. Count Beſtucheff, Miniſter Plenipotentiary from the Empreſs of Ruſſia, has receiv'd two Couriers from Peterſbourg, with Diſpatches relating to her Imperial Majeſty's Reſolution to employ her Mediation between the King of Pruſſia and the Queen of Hungary. His Excellency has communicated theſe Diſpatches to the Miniſtry, and a Grand Conference has been held at the Palace on this Occaſion, at the Iſſue of which a Courier was diſpatch'd to Vienna. General Neubauer alſo ſet out for that Court a few Days ſince.

The Count de Bees, Miniſter from the Court of Berlin, has receiv'd a Courier from the King of Pruſſia, whoſe Diſpatches he immediately communicated to the Count de Bruhl, declaring at the ſame Time, 'That the 'King his Maſter deſir'd nothing more than to preſerve 'a good Underſtanding with this Court: That his Pruſ'ſian Majeſty did not judge the Thing incompatible 'with the Engagements between his Poliſh Majeſty and 'the Court of Vienna, eſpecially if thoſe Engagements 'were confin'd only to the Defence of Bohemia; and 'that all he demanded of the King, was, that his Ma'jeſty would engage not to employ his Troops againſt 'Sileſia, in which Caſe he promiſed to have due Re'gard for the Saxon Territory.' The Courier that is expected back from Vienna, will decide what Anſwer the King muſt give to theſe Repreſentations.

We have receiv'd Advice that the Grand Signor in Conſequence of the Offer made of his Mediation between the Chriſtian Powers at War, had propoſed to the Miniſters of the ſaid Powers reſiding at Conſtantinople, to pitch upon Venice for holding the Congreſs; that his Highneſs, with the Empreſs of Ruſſia, the King of Sweden, the States General of the United Provinces, and the Republick of Venice ſhould be acknowledg'd as mediating Powers; and that an Armiſtice ſhould be agreed upon in the firſt Place, laying down the *Uti Poſſidetis* for the Baſis of the Negotiations.

Dreſden, April 29. The Troops are in Motion to go to the Camp forming between Leipſick and Merſebourg, which is to conſiſt of 20,000 Men.

Berlin, May 1. M. Roder, one of the King's Chamberlains, arriv'd here the 28th of laſt Month from Sileſia, and deliver'd Letters to the Queen, wherein his Majeſty tells her, that he was going to put himſelf at the Head of his Army, and begin the Operations of the Campaign.

Francfort, May 2. The Prince of Conti has remov'd his Head Quarters from Idſtein to Wiſbaden, and order'd the Troops diſperſed in divers Places to Weteravia, to aſſemble in a Body and draw near the Rhine below Mentz. The French are making in all Haſte a Head of a Bridge near Biberich, and as they are likewiſe ſending that Way the Boats they have on the Mayn, we preſume their Intention is to repaſs the Rhine.

The Body of French Troops employ'd in Bavaria, which was almoſt 10,000 ſtrong, is reduced to 4000, and thoſe of the Elector Palatine are dwindled down to 2200: They both loſt abundance of Men in their Retreat, having been warmly purſu'd moſt part of the Way by the Huſſars, Croats, &c. under General Trips. We have juſt receiv'd Advice that theſe French and Palatine Troops are arriv'd on the Neckar, and have join'd the Corps under Lieutenant-General Balincourt.

General Bathiani's Army, which conſiſts of 36,000 effective Men, began its March the 26th of laſt Month from the Lech, towards the Danube, and we don't doubt but it has actually enter'd the Circle of Swabia.

The Head Quarters of the Allies on the Lower Rhine are ſtill at Vallendar, below Coblentz; from whence they write, that the Duke of Aremberg had receiv'd a Letter from General Bathiani, wherein he lets him know, that he was going to begin his March with his whole Army, in order to draw near the Rhine; upon which the Duke of Aremberg call'd a Grand Council of War the 28th of laſt Month, wherein it was reſolv'd to march likewiſe towards Franconia, and join that Army if poſſible.

According to ſome Advices from Augſbourg, the Miniſters of the Powers late in Alliance with the Elector of Bavaria have proteſted againſt the Peace concluded by his Electoral Highneſs with the Queen of Hungary, declaring that they had no Hand at all in the Negotiation: This Proteſt has likewiſe been ſign'd by the Elector Palatine's Miniſter. Two of the principal Miniſters of the Bavarian Court uſed their utmoſt Endeavours to prevent the concluding of this Peace. Theſe Advices alſo inform us, that the Veldt-Marſhal Count Thoring has reſign'd the Command of the Troops, which is given to the Prince of Hildbourghauſen, and that Count Preyſing, High Chamberlain to the Elector, has demanded his Diſmiſſion.

Mawbeuge, April 26. Yeſterday Morning the Army receiv'd Orders to March, but none of us knew whither we were going. Marſhal Saxe had firſt order'd a large Detachment to move on towards Mons two Hours before Break of Day, which had a very good Effect; for the Commandant of that Place no ſooner heard of the March of our Detachment, but he ſent for two Regiments, of 1500 Men each, from Tournay, who accordingly poſted away to reinforce him, and have enter'd Mons, as we are very well inform'd. This being what Count Saxe wanted, he immediately order'd the Troops to march for Tournay, and we accordingly inveſted the Place this Morning. The Garriſon conſiſts of 10 more than 8000 Dutch Troops, and they are in Want of Butcher's Meat, the Time having been too ſhort to admit of bringing in any. The Garriſon have already made a Sally; with what View we cannot gueſs, unleſs it was to weaken themſelves. The Enemy's Huſſars begin to make Incurſions on our Territory, and ſkirmiſh frequently with our Dragoons. Graſſin's Fuſileers have ſurpriz'd 300 Dragoons of the Regiment of Ligne, who guarded a Poſt on the Rivulet of Leuſe, and made the greateſt Part of them Priſoners.

Mons, May 1. The Army of the Allies is expected this Day at Soignies, which is three Leagues diſtant from this City.

Breſſil, May 3. The Confederate Army having begun its March the 30th of laſt Month, encamp'd that Day, with the Right Wing at Tubiſe, where the Duke of Cumberland took up his Quarters, and the Left at Halle, where the Prince of Waldeck fix'd his Quarters. In that Poſition the Army remain'd the next Day, and the Night following reſum'd its March, in order to arrive at Cambron as this Day, from whence, as we are aſſur'd, it will advance to Leuſe. We are likewiſe aſſur'd, that the King of France and the Dauphin are actually ſet out for Flanders.

From the Camp at Cambron, May 6. The Allied Army arriv'd here from Soignies Yeſterday, and will march To-morrow to a Camp mark'd out about a League on this Side Leuſe, where the French have theſe three Days paſt had an advanc'd Party. The Reports of Deſerters vary about the Progreſs of the Siege of Tournay; there are four Attacks, but the real one is that at the Gates of the Caſtle.

Hague, May 1. The Earl of Cheſterfield propoſes to ſet out on his Return to London towards the middle of this Month. Count Podewils, the Pruſſian Envoy, deſigns to leave this Place at the ſame Time, with the Counteſs his Wife, in order to attend ſome private Affairs at Berlin.

Hague, May 5. The Abbe de la Ville, the French Miniſter, has receiv'd Advice, that the Trenches were open'd before Tournay the 30th of April in the Night, and that the firſt Parallel, with the Communications, were form'd the next Morning. The Garriſon of that Place conſiſts of between 9 and 10,000 Men: General Baron Dorth is Governor, and Brigadier Baron Binkel Commandant: The Town and Citadel have 200 Pieces of Cannon in them, and the Magazines are well provided with all Sorts of Neceſſaries.

From the London Gazette.

From the Head Quarters of the Auſtrian Army under the Command of General Bathiani at Petnes, April 24.

General Trips is purſuing the French with a ſtrong Detachment of Huſſars and Waradiners, and a Part of his Corps is already near Geiſlingen. The whole Army is preparing to follow, without Loſs of Time.

Berlin, April 27. On Sunday laſt a Courier from Munich paſs'd thro' this Place in his Road to Neiſs, with an Account of the Peace lately concluded between the Queen of Hungary and the Elector of Bavaria. This Piece of News has thrown the Partiſans of France into the greateſt Conſternation, and it is now doubted whether the Encampment at Magdebourg will take Place. It is ſaid here, that the Command of that Army had been offer'd to the old Prince of Deſſau, who excuſed himſelf from accepting it on Account of his ill State of Health, and that the Prince of Anhalt Zerbſt will have the Command thereof, if it ſhould be hereafter form'd: However, in the mean while, Beedow's Regiment of Foot has enter'd into Garriſon here, and Wittemberg's march'd this Morning towards Magdebourg. Laſt Week a Body of the Hungarian Inſurgents penetrated to within half a League of Breſlau; and there is a Report this Day, that they have taken ſeveral Boats laden with the Cloathing of twenty-five Pruſſian Regiments.

Dreſden, April 28. The Pruſſians have withdrawn all the Troops which they had advanc'd towards the County of Glatz, and ſeem to be forming two Corps, one at Sweidnitz, and the other at Neiſs. They have even deſtroy'd ſome Works they had made, with the Deſign, as was ſuppos'd, to defend the Paſſes thro' that County into Sileſia.

IRELAND.

Dublin, April 20. Edward Bury, Eſq; M. D. Member of Parliament for the Borough of Charleville, is appointed Phyſician General to the Army, in the room of Dr. Peacock, deceas'd.

On Monday last died in Great-Britain-Street, Edward Armstrong, of Gilan in the King's County, Esq;

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, April 23. Last Friday Night died, at his Seat in Perthshire, Alexander Belches of Innermay, Esq; Sheriff-Clerk of the County of Edinburgh.

The Ship Advice of Whitehaven, from Virginia, was, on the 5th Instant, cast away on the Island of Colonza; the Master, Mate, and Eight of the Men were drown'd, but a great Part of the Goods are sav'd.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Canterbury, April 27. Last Week the Rev. Mr. Francis Walwyn, D. D. one of the Prebendaries of this Church, was instituted to the united Rectories of St. Mary Breadman and St. Andrew in this City, void by the Death of Mr. Terry.

LONDON.

On Sunday the Bremen Merchantman fell down the River with the King's Baggage on board, in order to proceed on her Voyage to Bremen.

And on Monday the Provisions, &c. were put on board the Yachts that attend his Majesty to Holland, which are order'd to be ready to sail on the first Notice.

Their Royal Highnesses the Princesses are to reside at St. James's Palace 'till his Majesty's Return from his German Dominions.

John Anstis, Esq; King at Arms, with a Pursuivant, will soon set out to carry the Ensigns of the Garter to the Duke of Sax Weissenfels, and to invest him with the Order according to the usual Forms.

On Sunday last Marshal Belleisle and his Brother din'd at the Right Hon. the Earl of Harrington's at Petersham, where the Duke of Newcastle, and several of the Nobility were present.

Capt. Piercy Brett, (who was one of Admiral Anson's Lieutenants in his Expedition round the World) is appointed Captain of the Lion Man of War lately launch'd.

Admiral Rowley has appointed the Rev. Mr. Calvert to be his Chaplain in the Mediterranean, and the Rev. Mr. Hudson to be Chaplain of the Nassau Man of War.

Monday the following Gentlemen were, in pursuance of his Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury's Fiats, admitted Procurators General of the Arches Court of Canterbury, viz.

Mr. John Trenley,	Mr. William Abbott,
Mr. George Bellas,	Mr. Thomas Tyndell,
Mr. George Gostling,	Mr. Roger Altham,
Mr. Thomas Adderley,	Mr. Wright Bateman,
Mr. Henry Grace,	Mr. John Cæsar,
Mr. John Bottrell,	Mr. Robert Longden,
Mr. Nathaniel Bishop,	Mr. Josias Farrer.
Mr. John Smith,	

Tuesday at a General Meeting of the Commissioner of the Land Tax for the City and Liberty of Westminster, (the most numerous Meeting ever known) it was agreed by a great Majority that the Quota's that have been assess'd for many Years past upon the several Divisions were very unequal, and ought to be alter'd; and therefore resolv'd *Nem. Con.* to fix upon an equal and just Proportion throughout the whole Liberty. Lord Carpenter was unanimously chosen Chairman, and had the General Thanks for his candid and impartial Behaviour.

Tuesday the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor nominated Thomas Asshurst, Esq; Citizen and Salter, as a proper Person to serve the Office of Sheriff of this City and County of Middlesex, for the Year ensuing.

On Saturday last in the Afternoon died at his House in Grosvenor-Square, the Right Hon. Grey Lord Maynard, eminently distinguish'd by his Sweetness of Temper, and exemplary Patience and Resignation. He was the fourth Son who grew up to the Age of Manhood, of Banastre Lord Maynard, by his only Wife, the Lady Elizabeth Grey, sole Daughter of Henry Earl of Kent, and Aunt to the late Duke of Kent. His Lordship dying a Batchelor, is succeeded in Honour and Estate by his only surviving Brother Charles, now Lord Maynard.

Friday se'nnight died, at Chatham in Kent, William Walter, Esq; who had been near thirty Years in the Commission of the Peace for that County.

On Saturday died at his House in Audley-street, Grosvenor-square, in the 79th Year of his Age, Capt. Evans, who serv'd in Flanders under his Grace the Duke of Marlborough.

On Saturday Night died, at his Lodgings in New-Street, Covent-Garden, Lieutenant Poulson, First Lieutenant of the Namur Man of War: He had serv'd in the Navy upwards of thirty Years.

We hear that by the Death of the late Earl of Suffolk, the Title and a small Estate descends to the Right Hon. the Earl of Berkshire; the great House and Park at Audley-End, to the Right Hon. the Lord Effingham Howard; an Estate of 4000 l. a Year, to the Children of a private Clergyman, the Grand-Children of the former Earl; and his Personal Estate, which is very considerable, to his Lady, now the Countess Dowager of Suffolk.

We hear from Oxford, that the Rev. Dr. Tovey having resign'd his Principalship of New-Inn-Hall in that University, the Rev. Dr. Walker, late Fellow of St. John's College, and Rector of Tackley in Oxfordshire, is presented by the Chancellor, the Earl of Arran, to that Vacancy.

Monday Morning Mr. Cooper Thornhill, Master of the Bell Inn at Stilton in Huntingdonshire, set out from his House at Four o'Clock, came to the Queen's Arms opposite to Shoreditch Church in three Hours and fifty-two Minutes, return'd to Stilton again in four Hours and twelve Minutes, and came back to London in four Hours and thirteen Minutes, for a Wager of 500 Guineas: He was allow'd fifteen Hours to do it in, which is 213 Miles, but perform'd it in twelve Hours and seventeen Minutes, which is reckon'd the greatest Performance of its Kind ever known. Several thousand Pounds were laid on this Affair, and the Roads, for many Miles, lin'd with People to see him pass and repass.

Saturday as some Gentlemen were fishing in a Boat in Daggenham Breach, they espy'd a Body of a Man well dress'd, floating on the Water, which they haul'd to Shore, and on Examination, by some Memorandums which were found in his Pocket, he appear'd to be Mr. Sidney, a Bays Factor at Braintree in Essex; but the Occasion of the unhappy Accident is at present unknown.

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At the Assizes held at Chester, John Woolmer was convicted of High Treason, in counterfeiting the current Coin of this Kingdom, which he confess'd he had been guilty of for some Years.

Wednesday se'nnight the Sessions began at the Old Baily; when twenty Prisoners were try'd, four of whom were capitally convicted, viz.

Mary Cut-and-come-again, for assaulting Elizabeth Turner, in Leicester-Fields, and robbing her of a Parcel of Linnen.

Hester Fowler, for stealing Linnen, &c. in the Dwelling-House of Mr. Shirly, at the Greyhound Tavern in the Strand.

Stephen Parsons, late Footman to Sir Simeon Stewart, Bart. for stealing a Silver Chocolate Pot, &c. in his Dwelling-House. And

Edward Ryan, for stealing a Silver Tankard, the Property of Dorothy Udall, who keeps a Publick-House near the Hermitage.

On Thursday twenty Prisoners were tried, three of whom were capitally convicted, viz.

Edmund Gilbert, a Weaver in Bethnal Green Hamlet, for the Murder of Thomas Salter, his Apprentice.

Samuel Keep, for stealing Twelve Sheep, the Property of Anne Carter, of Enfield. And

George Norton, a Porter, for stealing a Box of Cloaths, &c. belonging to Mr. Fox of Wolverhampton, from Mr. Whatley's at the Bell Inn in Woodstreet.

On Friday eighteen Prisoners were try'd, one of whom was capitally convicted, viz.

Lettice Lynn, for privately stealing upwards of 14l. in Money, &c. in the Dwelling House of Matthew Wood, in George-Yard, Whitechapel; who, with the other seven Criminals convicted this Sessions, received Sentence of Death.

On Saturday the Sessions ended at the Old Baily, when John and Thomas Smith (Father and Son) were try'd for the Murder of William Worthington in a Quarrel at the Ship Alehouse in Barton-Street, Westminster. The Father was acquitted, and the Son found guilty of Manslaughter and burnt in the Hand.

Henry Sims, alias Young Gentleman Harry, was arraign'd on two Indictments, one for Felony and Burglary, the other for Perjury; to both which Indictments he pleaded Not Guilty, but his Trial was put off 'till the next Sessions.

Samuel Birch, tried for robbing his Master, Mr. Stanley Goddard, Warehouseman in Cannon-street, of a Piece of Barragon, and half a Piece of Shalloon, was Acquitted.

Four Persons were Indicted for Perjuries; three were Acquitted without entering into the Merits of the Causes, and one was found Guilty; his Sentence is put off 'till next Sessions, and he admitted to Bail.

The Sentence of Hugh Catherall, convicted of a Misdemeanour in personating his Brother, Robert Catherall, in a Cause in the High Court of Admiralty, is likewise put off 'till next Sessions.

Thomas Morphett, William Swaine, Richard Farley, William Ridley, Michael Wright, James Hutcheson, John Morris, and William Ballard, Eight of the Ten Smugglers who were committed for obstructing an Officer of the Customs on board the Union Sloop in the Port of Newhaven, in the County of Sussex, were admitted to Bail; Robert Gurr is detained on an Action of Debt, and Benjamin Wright died in Newgate.

The Trials of John Curley and James Newland for High Treason, in inlisting Charles Barker into the Service of the French King, and Charles Barker for suffering himself to be inlisted, are put off 'till next Sessions.

Hester Fowler, who pleaded her Belly, was examin'd by a Jury of Matrons, and found Not Quick.

The Court came to a Resolution, that the Felons cast for Transportation should be put on board a Vessel immediately after Conviction, in order to their being sent Abroad, and not be confined in Newgate several Months after their Conviction, as has been the Case heretofore. Sessions being over, the Court adjourned to Thursday the 30th of May next.

We hear that his Majesty has been graciously pleased to grant his Pardon to Dougan the Priest, who was tried some time since at the King's-Bench, Westminster.

On Saturday last Benjamin Stephens, a Shoemaker in Newtoner's-Street, Holbourn, was committed to Newgate by Sir Thomas De Veil, for the Murder of his Wife, Sarah Stephens, by stabbing her in the Heart with a Knife. He seem'd very penitent, and sign'd his own Confession.

The St. Gabriel, from Bourdeaux for Hispaniola, laden with Wine and Provisions, is taken by his Majesty's Ship the Mermaid, Capt. James Douglas, and carried into Antigua.

We have Advice that the Dove Privateer of Dover, is arriv'd at Falmouth, with a Ship of about 400 Tons belonging to Lubec, having on board a large Quantity of Spanish Snuff.

The Jamaica Sloop, Capt. Jefferys, cruizing off Scarborough, engag'd, on Tuesday last, three Privateers, who bore down on him: One of them was a Dogger of 8 Carriage and 12 Swivel Guns, and 68 Men: The other a Cutter of 4 Carriage Guns and 40 Men; and the third a Shallop of 4 Carriage Guns and 58 Men. Capt. Jefferys took the last, and has brought her into the Humber; the others got away, and the Shallop would have done so too, had she not receiv'd a Shot between Wind and Water, and also had her Main-Mast Head carried away. She is called the Three Brothers, Capt. Bachelier, and was built in October last. The Captain of the Shallop says, that he was the Night before in Company with seven Privateers of 20 Guns and 250 Men each, who were cruizing between Flamborough and Cromer. The Shoreham and Gibraltar Men of War were preparing to go out in quest of them.

Tuesday Morning came Advice, that Capt. Hudson, in the Swift Privateer, had taken three Swedish Ships from Gottenbourg, bound to Dunkirk and Calais, and sent them into the Downs.

The Aurora, Davis, from the West-Indies, has been taken by a French Privateer, and since retaken by the King William Privateer, who has brought her into Bristol.

The Small, Marlow, from Milford for Dover, is taken by a French Privateer, call'd the Old Swiss, between Hastings and Beachy.

Monday was held a Court of Admiralty at Doctors-Commons, when the Beda, taken by the Bridgwater Man of War, Capt. Wells, valued at 16,000 l. was condemn'd as a legal Capture, and the Shares order'd to be paid forthwith.

The same Day the Black Anne and the Charlotta, taken by the Prince Charles Privateer, Capt. Gwynn, and carry'd into Bristol; La Villa, of Nantz, taken by the Old Noll, and carry'd into Liverpoole; La Galeta, taken by the Garland, Capt. Taverner, and carry'd into Lisbon; the Lydia, taken by the Bridgwater Man of War, Capt. Wells, and carry'd into Plymouth; the Rosa, taken by the St. Quintin Man of War and carry'd into Hull; the Via Veritas, taken by the Fox Man of War and carry'd into Plymouth; and the Betsey, valued at 30,000 l. taken by the August Privateer, and carry'd into Plymouth, (all French Ships) were con-

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demn'd as legal Captures. The Court order'd, that for the future the Prize Money ſhould be paid to the Captors, or their Agents, within one Month after Condemnation; and then adjourn'd to Friday the 24th of May next.

From the London Gazette.

Admiralty Office, April 23. This Day, in purſuance of his Majeſty's Pleaſure, the following Promotions were made of Flag Officers by the Lords of the Admiralty, viz.

Edward Vernon, Eſq; to be Admiral of the White.

James Steuart, Thomas Davers, and the Honourable George Clinton, Eſqrs. to be Vice-Admirals of the Red.

William Rowley and William Martin, Eſqrs. to be Vice-Admirals of the White.

Iſaac Townſend and Henry Medley, Eſqrs. to be Vice-Admirals the Blue.

The Right Honourable the Lord Vere Beauclerk, to be Rear-Admiral of the Red.

George Anſon, Eſq; to be Rear-Admiral of the White.

Perry Mayne, Eſq; to be Rear-Admiral of the Blue.

Whitehall, April 30. The King has been pleaſed to order Letters Patent to be paſſed and iſſued under the Great Seal of the Kingdom of Ireland, for the Tranſlation of the Right Reverend Father in God, Dr. George Stone, Biſhop of Kildare, to the See of Derry, void by the Death of Dr. Carew Reynell, late Biſhop thereof.

Alſo for the Tranſlation of the Right Reverend Father in God, Dr. Thomas Fletcher, Biſhop of Dromore, to the See of Kildare, and alſo to be Dean of Chriſt-Church in the City of Dublin, in the room of the Right Reverend Dr. George Stone, late Biſhop and Dean thereof.

Alſo for the Tranſlation of the Right Reverend Father in God, Dr. Jemmet Brown, Biſhop of Killaloe, to the See of Dromore, in the room of the Right Reverend Father in God, Dr. Thomas Fletcher, late Biſhop thereof.

And alſo for the Promotion of the Rev. Richard Chenevix, Doctor in Divinity, to the See of Killaloe, in the room of the Right Reverend Dr. Jemmet Brown, late Biſhop thereof.

Whitehall, April 30. The King has been pleas'd to conſtitute and appoint Lieutenant-General James Lord Tyrawley to be Colonel and Captain of his Majeſty's third Troop of Horſe-Guards, late under the Command of the Earl of Albemarle.

Major-General John Earl of Rothes to be Colonel and Captain of his Majeſty's ſecond Troop of Horſe-Grenadier-Guards, late under the Command of the Lord Tyrawley.

Colonel Hugh Lord Semple to be Colonel of his Majeſty's Regiment of Foot, late under the Command of the Earl of Rothes.

Lieutenant-Colonel Lord John Murray to be Colonel of his Majeſty's Highland Regiment of Foot, lately under the Command of the Lord Semple.

Major-General Richard Onſlow to be Colonel and Captain of his Majeſty's Firſt Troop of Horſe-Grenadier-Guards, late under the Command of the Lord Viſcount Cobham.

Brigadier-General Edward Wolfe to be Colonel of his Majeſty's own Regiment of Foot, late under the Command of Major-General Onſlow.

Lieutenant-Colonel George Keighly to be Colonel of his Majeſty's Regiment of Marines, late under the Command of Brigadier-General Wolfe.

Colonel Lord Henry Beauclerk to be Colonel of his Majeſty's Regiment of Foot, late under the Command of Brigadier-General Handaſyd, deceas'd. And

Lieutenant-Colonel Francis Ligonier to be Colonel of his Majeſty's Regiment of Foot, late under the Command of the Lord Henry Beauclerk.

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